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Ruling could have serious effect

Tax increase, cuts in higher education budget loom as possibilities

BY ROBERT J. SMITH
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Due to a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision concerning federal retirement pensions, cuts could be in store for next year's higher education budget in Missouri.

The Supreme Court decided two weeks ago in a Michigan case that states could not tax federal pensions while exempting the pensions of state and local government workers, as Missouri does. The ruling would cost the state \$166 million in refunds and lost revenue for the next fiscal year.

Dr. Julio Leon, Missouri Southern president, believes the ruling could have a serious effect on higher education as Missouri legislators look for ways to trim the budget for fiscal year 1990.

"Obviously, I'm very concerned," Leon said. "We don't know the final outcome, and until we do things are going to be very uncertain."

State Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin) said legislators may need to seriously consider a temporary tax to provide needed funds.

"There has been a lot of talk of a temporary tax," Surface said. "I don't know if that will happen."

The taxing of federal pensions provides the state with about \$40 million per year. In addition, Missouri could be liable for federal pension taxes from 1985-87.

"Cuts could come from a lot of places," Surface said. "It may mean shutting down programs, laying people off, or holding off programs that would otherwise be

started."

State Sen. John Russell (R-Lebanon) said he sees no way Missouri can avoid adding some type of tax to replace the federal pension monies.

"The legislature might tax higher retirement benefits," Russell said. "Lower retirement benefits could be exempt."

State Rep. Mark Elliott (R-Webb City) said he does not favor a tax increase.

"There can be no tax increase," Elliott said. "I'm not going to vote for any kind of tax hike."

"Folks in southwest Missouri are not in favor of a tax increase. I have to stick with them. They are the ones who brought me to the dance."

Elliott believes "across-the-board cutting" is necessary, but he said he is afraid the legislature will "pick on" particular programs when making those cuts.

"I resent those tactics," he said. "I don't think we should pick on higher education, but it's possible. There are other programs that can be responsibly cut."

"I think higher education is one of the budgets that will be held hostage. I think there are other budgets that will need to be responsibly trimmed. We need balanced cuts."

Russell said he sees possible higher education cuts as well.

"The Senate Appropriations Committee did recommend an increase to higher education," Russell said. "If there is no other way, I can see the Governor not giving as much of an increase. It would probably be across the board."

Leon said cuts could affect faculty salaries and the hiring of additional instruc-

tors by colleges and universities.

"It could have a serious effect on our budget," he said.

Russell said Missouri will have to do several things to replace the lost funds.

"We are going to have to tighten up some of the appropriations," Russell said.

"In addition to that, the Department of Revenue is looking at different kinds of taxes that could add several million dollars."

"One of the difficulties is that it is so late in the legislative session."

Sen. Emory Melton (R-Gassville) said he hopes the legislature will "go over the entire budget picture" before making a decision.

"We will have to look at many of the large budgets," Melton said. "At the same time, I don't foresee a tax increase."

According to Russell, the timing of the Supreme Court decision could not be worse as far as Missouri is concerned.

"If this would have happened in January or February, we would have time to work with appropriation bills," Russell said. "I don't know when something has been so untimely in the legislature."

"There are only four weeks left in this legislative session," Surface said. "I would like to see us get right to work on this and make some decisions. There's no sense in costing Missouri even more money by going into a special session. I hope we at least have a direction by the end of next week."

At this point, Leon is taking a "wait and see" attitude.

"We have a lot of good minds working in the legislature, and we'll just have to wait and see what happens," he said.



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Olympic run

Handicapped students from Webb City and Joplin competed in a 100-yard dash at the Spring Special Olympics Friday in Hughes Stadium. Seven hundred to 800 students from the area gathered at Missouri Southern for the event.

Plagiarism opportunities abound, but instructors are prepared

'You could get caught,' warns research company

BY CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK
MANAGING EDITOR

Legality and ethics are not always synonymous as students sometimes discover in the long run.

Through the mail and over the phone, students have access to companies who will, for a fee, produce on-file research and term papers. A company can custom research a particular topic of the student's choice and have it in the hands of the student, sometimes within a week.

Costs range from \$5.90 to \$7 per page for a general topic, with footnotes and a bibliography included at no charge. The fee is usually \$14 per page for a custom-research paper.

Questions with the service provided by these research groups lies not in the legality of the service, but in the ethical issue.

"We've been in the business 20 years, and we haven't had a problem with students getting into serious trouble," said an employee of College Research Group, a Los Angeles-based company which specializes in on-file and custom research papers. "If whoever it is that you are dealing with knows your work, then you have a problem. If they don't know you, then you don't."

The company suggests that a student rework the transitions and change the paraphrasing after receiving the paper. This,

claims the company, will sharply reduce the chances of getting caught.

"You can re-work it, put the paper in to your own words, or whatever you feel necessary," said the employee. "But a lot of our customers haven't felt the need to do that. We wouldn't be in business for 20 years if we had that kind of problem. The word would spread like locusts."

Students should be secure in the idea that they will not get caught, says the employee, or they should not buy a paper at all.

"One should be comfortable with what they do," he said. "I have told people that if they can't sleep at night, that if they think they are going to be the one-in-a-million who gets caught, then don't go ahead with it."

The employee said his company has had "tens of thousands" of "satisfied" customers and that he does not expect anyone to become the "exception" anytime soon.

A worker for Authors Research Services, a group operating in Chicago, said that when a student purchases a paper, it is plagiarism.

"It's plagiarism, but he has to kind of put it in his own words after we send it to the person," said the man, who also refused to be identified. "You could get caught, you just have to be careful."

Plagiarism is taboo in all areas of aca-

demia, but the Missouri Southern English department is especially insistent that it receives work done by the student rather than an outside source, whether it be a research company or even a fellow student on campus.

The English department has a policy regarding plagiarism. It reads: "If in the instructor's judgment a student plagiarizes in full awareness, the paper will receive an F. At the instructor's discretion, the student may fail the course." The policy gives students methods of proper identification of sources and warns students that plagiarism is "cheating and/or theft." The department considers plagiarism "a serious moral issue."

Mary DeArmond, part-time instructor of English, believes that when students do their research papers in steps it becomes possible to detect plagiarism.

"They have to turn in certain things at certain times," she said. "We see the work that they are doing as it goes along. Some of us ask for photocopies of their sources so we can check in see whether they are using direct quoting without saying they are direct quoting."

By using the step method, students are required to turn in work at different times throughout the course. This way, instructors can get a feel for the students' progress. An instructor could become suspicious if a student was to turn in a paper, with footnotes and a bibliography, all at once.

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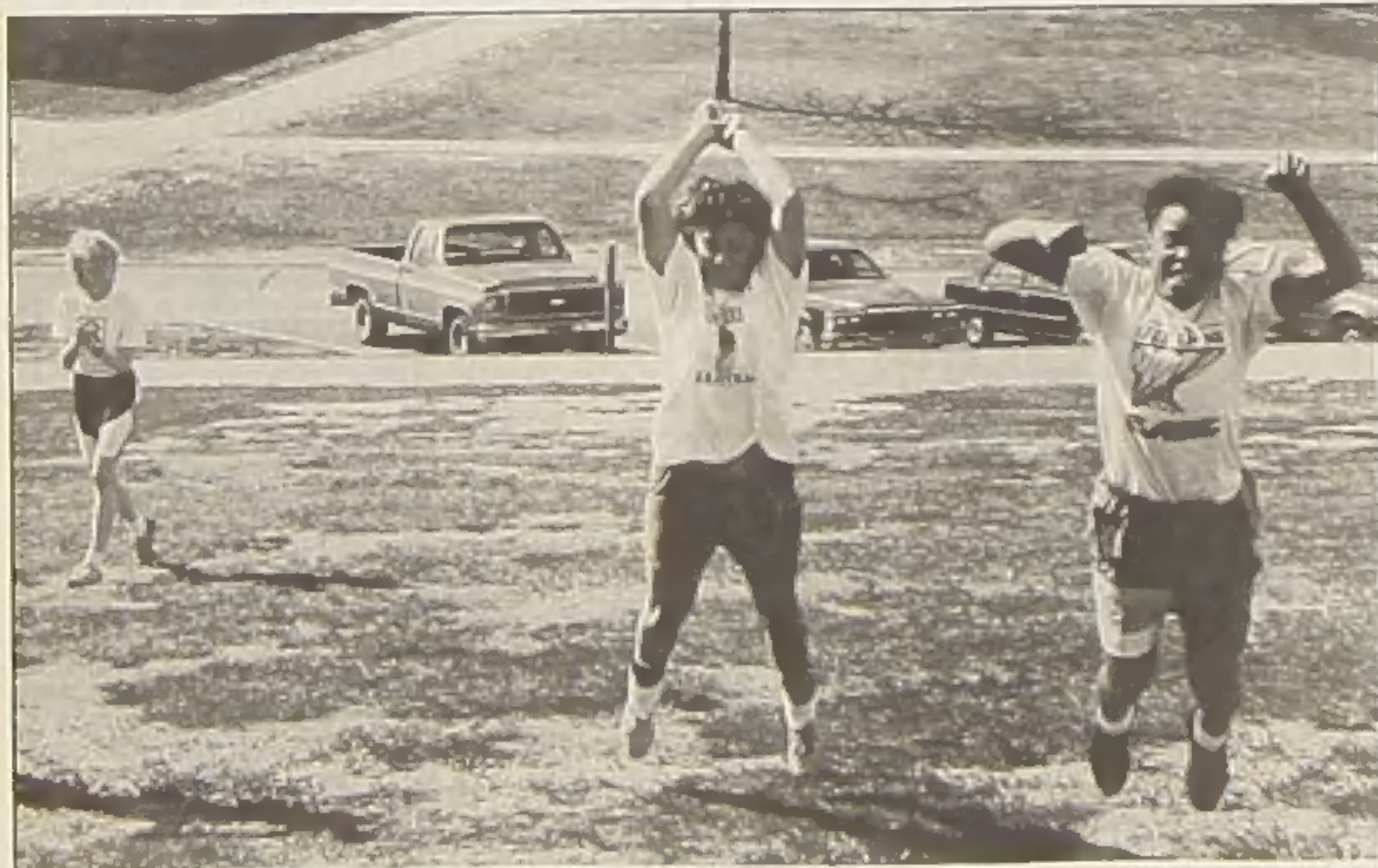
Dr. Robert Markman, professor of history, encountered a case of plagiarism in the 1970s when a student had another student write the paper. He subsequently failed the student. Markman, like DeArmond, requires students to turn in their research to him.

"That just about guarantees the work is being done," Markman said. "I go ahead and check the reviews or the research paper against the footnotes to check the quality of the research."

A paper being "too good" is sometimes a tip-off to instructors. Dr. Conrad Gubera, associate professor of sociology, believes that a paper can sometimes look "too professional." However, Gubera believes that companies which produce research for students can sometimes be a helpful tool for students, if used correctly.

"It can be a motivation and comparison for the good student to compare their own work and their own contrasting style," Gubera said. "It should be a further stimulus to dig a little further into those research areas that have been provided for them and to come up with their own conclusions."

Some instructors have noticed an increase in the amount of "friends-doing-papers-for-friends" cases of plagiarism, but Gubera believes this is a "sure sign that we (Missouri Southern) are reaching upper college or university status when students are willing to offer that kind of service for other students enrolled here."



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Jumping exercises

Coach Janet Gabriel (left) looks on as Marilyn Kannady (center) and Cheryl Williams do training exercises to help increase their jumping abilities on a hill near Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

Fall sends student to hospital

Salvatierra has broken wrist, sore back and shoulders

BY CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK
MANAGING EDITOR

A Missouri Southern student was treated and released yesterday from St. John's Regional Medical Center after falling into the orchestra pit during a play rehearsal in Taylor Auditorium.

Tamara Salvatierra, a junior education major from Oronogo, was listed in stable condition yesterday afternoon, but was released shortly before 7 p.m. A CAT-scan and X-rays failed to turn up any serious injuries, but Salvatierra was diagnosed as having a broken wrist. In addition, she has a sore back and shoulders.

Salvatierra was rehearsing for *Gmireland*, a one-act play directed by Karen Hill. According to Jay Fields, theatre director, the play "will probably not go on."

Rumors circulated throughout the campus yesterday concerning Salvatierra's condition. Doug Carnahan, director of student life, told members of the Student Senate that she had a "probable broken back," which was not the case.

"I just don't know how these stories start," Fields said.

Salvatierra was on the stage at approximately 11:05 a.m. when Hill instructed her that the house lights were going down and that Salvatierra was supposed to step

out from the right wing onto the stage. Hill's directions required Salvatierra to stand still until the stage lights came up.

"Evidently, Tamara stepped out. I don't quite know why, but she just didn't stand still; she just kept on walking," Fields said. "In the transition between the lights going down and coming back up again, Tamara stepped out, and opposed to waiting, she just walked about three more steps and just fell right into the pit."

Before the actors were to perform the play, they had talked about the danger of walking in the dark, according to Fields. Hill had given caution to the players that there could have been a danger.

"In the excitement, sometimes it's easy not to think 'What do I do right now?'" said Fields. "I guess she just thought about getting on stage."

Fields said that when the accident occurred, no one knew what had happened.

"We didn't know if that was a set-up for the scene or what had happened," he said. "So for about 10 seconds, we just waited with our hearts beating, hoping that it was nothing serious. We were afraid to say anything because it might have been the scene going on. Someone turned on an emergency switch to bring the lights on, and she was just lying down in the pit."

Fall schedule includes changes in P.E. courses

Lifetime Wellness replaces Personal Health

BY ANITA NORTON
STAFF WRITER

Students enrolling in fall physical education classes to fulfill core curriculum requirements may have noticed some changes in the schedule of classes.

Lifetime Wellness has replaced Personal Health as a required course, and the Physical Activities course is now worth one credit instead of two. Previously, students had to enroll in an activity (racquetball, tennis, bowling, etc.) and a lecture to receive the two hours of credit. The lecture portion now has been eliminated.

Dr. Eugene Mouser, registrar, said the changes were proposed by Dr. Max Oldham, head of the physical education department, and presented to the Academic Policies Committee more than a year ago. Citing the redundancy of the lecture requirement (Personal Health and an activity lecture), the committee approved the changes. They take effect in July.

According to Mouser, students who want a teaching certificate in health may still take Personal Health (HPER 100) instead of the new Lifetime Wellness course.

Oldham said Lifetime Wellness (HPER 103) is "an all-inclusive umbrella that is comprised of a variety of activities aimed at helping the student to look at things that are detrimental to health."

According to Oldham, students who have not had the previous two-credit hour P.E. 101 activity with lecture, or the two-credit hour Personal Health, will be required to take only the one-credit hour P.E. 101 activity and two-hour Lifetime Wellness beginning this fall.

Lifetime Wellness is designed to help students improve their "quality of life and

achieve total well-being," Oldham said. Some of the topics covered will include adequate fitness, proper nutrition, smoking cessation, stress management, and alcohol and drug abuse control.

Students will have various areas of their personal fitness assessed during the course, including body fat composition, muscular strength and endurance, flexibility, blood pressure, and posture screening. Students also will learn relaxation techniques as a way to relieve stress.

Also highlighted will be the importance of cardiovascular fitness.

"We intend to assess each student's cardiovascular fitness through running tests," said Oldham. "If they can't run, we'll do step tests; if they can't do that, we'll do bicycle tests. And if they can't do that, we'll do walking tests. Surely, they can do that since they're already walking to their classes."

"We'll talk about fat," he added. "We'll assess fat composition using skin folds and calipers."

While a specific exercise program will not be required in the course, Oldham said the program plans to educate the students so they can do something about their own health fitness.

"Students will not be graded on how well they perform physically," stressed Oldham. "Rather, it's just a means of self-assessment...some alternatives to help you modify your lifestyle and lead to a better self-directed existence."

Mouser said the new course offers much more interesting information than what students received in the activities lecture and Personal Health.

"I think they are really going to like Lifetime Wellness," he said.



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

Gives tour

Dr. Robert Brown, dean of the school of business, gave a brief tour Monday afternoon to the Chileans. Mindy Chism, admissions counselor (center), accompanied the six-member group.

Chileans include Missouri Southern on tour

BY CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK
MANAGING EDITOR

They were not exactly strangers in a strange land, but to a group of Chileans who toured Missouri Southern Monday, the United States is a "different" kind of place.

The six-member group is on a three-month tour of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. The visit is sponsored by Rotary International, and Rotarians serve as guides.

Graciela Slier, an English teacher in Chile and a member of the group, believes that while education systems differ between the U.S. and Chile, both countries are working toward the same goal.

"In Chile, you get a good education," Slier said. "The problem is that our country is a young country, but we don't have as much as the United States people. We have completely different economies. But Chile has a good education system, as does the United States."

"Both countries desire to produce top students, but we have different ways of

reaching that goal."

The group, which has spent three weeks in the area, will continue its tour until May 3, when Rotary International holds its annual convention in Tulsa.

Members of the group were chosen from a field of 60 to visit the United States. Criteria included the degrees and occupations held by the Chileans.

"For us to be here and come to this area is a privilege," Slier said.

Slier started learning the English language at the age of five, while other members of the group learned the language in the span of one week, a feat accomplished via an intensive course that had the Chileans going to class from 9 a.m. to midnight. According to Slier, English is taught extensively in Chile.

"We start teaching English in seventh grade," she said. "It is a second language in Chile. It's important for the students to learn English."

Slier, who has been to the United States before, summed up her thoughts of by calling it "a great country."

"The images you export are probably

of what New York is. That's the image that everyone has."

"I have been to New York, California, and Miami, so that was the idea I had. So when I was told that we were coming to Oklahoma, I thought 'Wow, we'll be in the middle of the country; so I imagined John Wayne coming around on his horse, and we expected to see lots of cowboys and country people.'"

Dick Conley, member of the Rotary Club, said the process of bringing foreigners to the United States is a two-way street.

"They are called a 'group study exchange team' and there are teams exchanged from the United States to other countries and from other countries to the United States," Conley said.

"They were very happy to come to this area," he said. "They felt that the Midwestern area was more representative of the United States than maybe some of the other areas such as the West Coast or even the East Coast."

Senior receives 'Mr. 10' honor

Ryan Ledbetter, a 22-year-old senior at Missouri Southern, was named "Mr. 10" in the eighth annual pageant held Thursday, April 6 at Southern.

Ledbetter, a physical education major, will go on to compete for the title "Mr. Missouri" in the fall in Springfield.

"I was really surprised when I won," said Ledbetter. "I entered because I wanted to see what it was like to win."

"I'm looking forward to competing in the Mr. Missouri pageant. There is a lot

of competition, but it will be fun."

Chris Halsne, reporter and weekend sports anchor for KSNF-TV, was named first runner-up and "most photogenic" by the panel of judges.

Said Halsne, "I participated because it sounded like fun, plus I'm in a business where being in the public eye is important and being seen promotes my personality. It was a blast, and all the guys had a good time."

The second runner-up was Gerry Saba.

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A Sports Memorabilia Auction is coming to Joplin, May 14th. Baseball Hall of Famer Brooks Robinson heads a list of stars who will be in attendance. Keep your eye on The Chart for more details.

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Projects will showcase honors work

Ten students from Missouri Southern's honors program are gearing up to present the results of their senior research projects.

In order to graduate through the honors program, students are required to complete a senior project that delves more deeply into their major field of study. The results are presented at a colloquium that is open to the entire campus. These 10 students have been working on their individual projects throughout the year.

According to Dr. David Ackiss, honors director, the project is considered a "capstone experience" for seniors and is intended to represent students working at their highest level in their major.

Many students believe the senior project serves as a motivator and provides much opportunity.

Susan Paulson, mathematics major, recently presented the paper she prepared for her project at the national Kappa Mu Epsilon convention. (See story, page 6.)

"The projects give students the chance to do research outside of class," said Paulson. "It did get me to look into mathematical biology, something I hadn't looked into before."

Sandy Guzman, a psychology major, will present her paper at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research on April 29 in San Antonio, Texas.

Vicki Koch, marketing/management major, has been working on a project that encourages the implementation of a new major, human resource management, that would offer a mix of psychology and business courses.

"I appreciate the opportunity to do this," said Koch. "If I hadn't been in the honors program, and if there hadn't been a senior colloquium, I wouldn't have got it done."

Koch believes this new major is needed and that Southern will benefit from it.

The senior colloquia, scheduled through April 27, are open to everyone.

Ackiss said these projects give students the opportunity to "show what they're made of in their disciplines."



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK CORLE

Celebration

Lloyd Parker hugs his daughter, Janice, after she completes an event at the Special Olympics held at Missouri Southern's Hughes Stadium last Friday.

Addition to department will 'help relieve load'

Social sciences searches for geography instructor

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
CAMPUS EDITOR

The social sciences department is currently searching for a geography instructor to help ease the "the preparation load" from Dr. Robert Smith.

"History is his primary field," said Dr. Carl Renner, department head. "Originally he came here to teach history, but we needed a geography teacher so he took over the geography program."

According to Renner, Smith will move back into his main field of history, while the new instructor will teach two "basic American history courses" and two geography courses.

"The geography program is growing, and he's done a good job with it," Renner said. "But he's been teaching upper- and lower-division history courses and upper- and lower-division geography courses, and he's just had too much of a load over the years."

The new faculty addition was approved early last fall, and some 98 letters were sent nationwide in hopes of attracting several qualified applicants. The department has received 32 responses to date and has conducted two on-campus interviews, with a third candidate to be interviewed Wednesday at Southern.

"All the geography instructors we've interviewed have had Ph.D.s in geography," said Renner. "The person we'd like to hire

needs to be a generalist in the geography sense, but we're more oriented to the cultural geography than anything else."

The first finalist for the position is currently teaching history at New Mexico Tech University, while the other candidate teaches geography at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. The third finalist has a Ph.D. from the University of Colorado, but is not teaching at this time.

"We want somebody who can teach in both fields," Renner said. "This new addition to the staff will help relieve the load on the rest of us."

The search committee consists of all six of Southern's history instructors: Renner, Smith, Virginia Laas, Dr. Paul Teverow, Dr. Bob Markman, and Dr. Tom Holman.

"Selecting somebody for this position isn't as easy as it seems," said Renner.

"There's a difficulty in finding someone strong in both history and geography. Most applicants are strong in history, but have little or no background in geography, and that's been a problem."

Teverow believes the addition will "above all, benefit the students by adding two more sections to U.S. History, and in the long run more courses may be added in geography."

The new instructor will particularly benefit Dr. Smith who has been very much overworked," said Teverow. "The work he's been doing is too much to humanly expect from any one person."

Senate discusses upcoming elections, OKs funding requests

Upcoming primary elections for Student Senate executive officers was the main topic of discussion at last night's meeting.

Robert Stokes, Senate president, reminded senators of both the primary election, which will be held Wednesday in the stairwell of the Billingsly Student Center, as well as the general election to be held in the same location on April 24.

"If we do not have more than two people running for the same executive office,

then a primary election will not be held in that category, but will instead just go through the general election," Stokes said. "Basically, the primary election is just to narrow the field of candidates down."

Currently, two Missouri Southern students seek the office of Senate president for 1989-1990. The candidates are Sara Woods, current Senate secretary, and Erik Schrader, a junior communications major.

In other Senate business, \$380 was allocated to the Society of Manufacturing

Engineers. The money will allow the group to attend an international robotics competition on May 7. SME has a robot it intends to enter in the competition.

"The students will be going against a lot of really big schools who have departments solely for the study of robotics, such as MIT," said John Borders, SME member.

The group originally asked for \$400. However, since SME had more than \$400 in its treasury, the Senate's finance committee recommended the lesser amount.

"We have other expenses coming up," said Borders. "We'll be able to send two students to the competition, but we still have to pay for the motel expense. 'Any amount we receive is greatly appreciated.'"

By a unanimous vote, \$380 was allocated to the organization.

The Senate also discussed funding for the legal studies club, which requested

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Spring Fling '89 Schedule of Events

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12:30 p.m. — Lions' Den

Wednesday, April 19th
Creative Face Painting Contest
11:00 a.m. — Lions' Den

Thursday, April 20th
Talent Show
Noon — Lions' Den
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8:00 p.m. — Biology Pond

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Let's make safety a priority

Some good may arise from the terrible accident that occurred yesterday in Taylor Auditorium.

Tamara Salvatierra walked into the orchestra pit after the house lights went down during a one-act rehearsal. After a six-foot fall, Tamara was luckily left with little more than a broken wrist and some sore bones. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope that she returns soon.

Tamara's accident and subsequent injuries serve as a reminder that there are numerous chances for mishaps all over this campus. It must be noted that director Karen Hill took every precaution and warned her actors there might be danger. She is not at fault here. Nobody is at fault. However, one can never be too careful, and we must make every effort to avoid accidents such as the one yesterday.

Litigation in cases like this is always a concern. Insurance policies must be checked and kept up to date to make sure the College is equipped to handle a situation in which Southern could have to pay for medical costs and other expenses. However, we must pursue safety as a matter that is crucial to the students and not only our pocketbook.

Stricter policy for plagiarism

Students in various English courses will be turning in research papers this month, and the topic of plagiarism seems always to stick out like a sore thumb.

Students desperate for a good paper in a short amount of time have companies at their disposal who can send them an on-file research paper for a fee. Students can even select their own topic and title, and writers will custom-research the paper and have it the hands of the students within days. This is not higher education. This is education from the gutter, and it stinks badly.

Students who plagiarize or buy papers from their friends or professional writers are asking for trouble. The instructors at this institution are not ignorant to the many ways a student will try to get by with someone else's work. Even if a student does manage to squeak by with work that is not his own, he hurts not only himself, but the entire institution.

The student handbook is not very clear when it comes to plagiarism. Albeit harsh, it should become policy that any student found guilty of plagiarism will be immediately discharged from the College with no chance of re-entry. This will send a strong message to students that plagiarism will not be tolerated. This would make a good subject for the Student Senate to consider.



WHAT DID I DO TO DESERVE THIS?!

Stereotyping can often be damaging

BY CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK
MANAGING EDITOR

I am guilty of it. My friends are guilty of it. We are all guilty of it.

Stereotyping, labeling, misjudging: it is so easy to do, but it often can be damaging. This is no catharsis, mind you. Consider it a lesson in courtesy from someone who has none.

Forgive my indulgence in first-person pronouns, but it is easy to recollect on personal experience, and it is often the best form of demonstration. During my first semester at Missouri Southern, I joined the Young Democrats organization. It seemed noble, something I could feel good about. However, in the true spirit of politics, every meeting was an "I'll-scratch-your-back-if-you-scratch-mine" kind of situation and I became disenchanted. It was later that I became detached from Democratic ideology.

In the fall of 1988, I joined the College Republicans after getting caught up in all of the election hoopla. I quit that, too. It was nothing against the people; I just couldn't get fired up. I then realized that calling myself a "Republican" was too cliché, and it sounded robotic. Besides that, it just wasn't what I wanted.

Some friends of mine back home voted straight on the party ticket in the November election: George Bush for President, Jack Danforth for U.S.



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Senator, John Ashcroft for Governor, etc. When I questioned their voting scheme, a common theme held water: "We're all in big trouble if those Democrats get into office!" Their blind loyalty was laughable. Voting someone into office because of a stinking label has got to be one of the biggest disservices a voter can perpetuate. Why is it that if a candidate has the big "D" in front of his name, a Republican will automatically brand him a loser, and vice versa?

Before I went to vote in November, I was asked if I was going to vote on a straight ticket. I didn't vote that way. As a matter of fact, I kind of wish I had voted for more Democrats, but that's another story. The real story here is one person's refusal to be swayed into voting blindly out of devotion to a party that means no more to me than roadkill in the ditch. Oops, I didn't mean to offend the animal rights activists. That is the whole point. Anything you say is going to offend someone, somewhere, somehow, and there is nothing you can do about it. It's a shame that people can lump you into one category and think they have their finger on the pulse of your political philosophy.

The individual issue decisions are also killers. If you are a member of the American Civil Liberties Union, as I am, you are instantly a flaming liberal. Since when did individual freedoms become game for party politics? On the other side of the fence, if you were a right-to-life, you are immediately termed a conservative. Let's ponder this. If someone was pro-SDI, anti the death penalty, and for

legalizing drugs, what do you call him? Oh yeah, that's one of your average pseudo-conservative, bleeding hearts with a little bit of libertarianism thrown in for good measure.

Calling yourself by something other than your given name can be disadvantageous. That is why I proffer this grand, albeit unrealistic, solution. Let's do away with the political labels and stereotypes. It would be a sweet thing if we could just dispense with our political parties. That way, we would have no more Republicans, Democrats, or Libertarians. Ideally, in this scenario, voters wouldn't address the social agendas of large groups, but instead they would take the issues one by one and decide what is most important to them.

I have to face facts. I keep up on the news and, as a journalist, it's my duty to stay on top of what is going on around me. I do have an opinion on certain issues, but that doesn't translate into messiah-like insight. I look at the situation, and, sometimes very hastily, come to a conclusion. I don't claim to know all, but people have to take a stand, because if a person waffles, more often than not it is a sign of weakness. You can't let the wrath of those who disagree with you bring you down. You have to feel your instincts and go with them.

Some say that for a political system to work, we must compromise in order to remain stable. This may be true, but it's garbage. There is minimal integrity in such a system.

I understand that no one will be in favor of ditching something that has been in practice for so long. However, it's food for thought. Would it not be nice for people to think for themselves? Oh God, someone pinch me; I must be dreaming.

My first love is criminal justice program

BY JACK SPURLIN
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

After being contacted by Rob Smith to write this column, my first reaction was, "What do I write it on?" Rob answered, "I don't care, just have it done and in my hands by Tuesday." What pressure! I could easily write about my second love—soccer. However, my first love is the criminal justice program at Missouri Southern State College.

I arrived on this campus in August of 1975, with the intentions of staying for one year. At that time our program consisted of an associate of science degree in law enforcement (with about 50 majors) and a 400-hour police academy. The entire program was and still is headed by Don Senecker. I was being brought in to replace Roy Dix. Although he was very competent, he was nevertheless 70 years old and forced into retiring. Since my arrival our program has added two more instructors and has an excess of



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250 majors. Although we still offer an associate of science in law enforcement, we have added a bachelor of science in criminal justice.

As I stated earlier, I really came here for one year. I felt I could accomplish more and obtain more satisfaction by working in federal law enforcement. This was only a temporary stop that I thought would look good on my resume. By the end of the first year, I knew I liked teaching but I still felt the draw for the glamorous job (federal law enforcement). I had tested and interviewed with several federal agencies. It was at this time that I was offered a promotion to a full-time instructor in the college program vs. the academy. The decision was tough, but I could feel the excitement of a program about to break loose. Combine this feeling with the following facts: Joplin was a small but pleasant town, my children were settled in a good Catholic school system, and my wife, Sylvia, said, "No more big cities." The three years we spent in Washington D.C. (while I was working for the Defense Intelligence Agency) was enough for her, so I stayed.

The excitement I felt was genuine. The program has continued to grow. This year we will award the most degrees ever in the criminal justice area (61). But size doesn't necessarily mean quality. I believe the proof of our program is the quality of graduates we produce. We have several success stories in our area. One of our graduates is a top manager for the entire Wal-Mart chain. Wal-Mart also employs about 10 to 15 of our graduates as managers for regional loss prevention. Our graduates are also working as security managers for Ward, Penney, Venture, and Sears. They can also be found on both the Newton and Jasper sheriff's departments and the Joplin, Webb City, Carthage, and Tulsa police departments. Tulsa has enough of our graduates to start a MSSC division.

Some of our graduates have gone on to law school. The assistant prosecutor of Jasper County is a graduate of MSSC (having received a B.A. in criminal justice). These success stories could go on and on, but in conclusion I want to say we have an excellent criminal justice program at an excellent institution. Missouri Southern is my home, and I'm proud of what I have accomplished through her.

I'm never asked my opinion, but now I'm giving it

To the present, no one has asked my political opinion except perhaps my grandfather whose interest in politics is somewhat similar to mine in rock music. Suffice to say I'm one who believes the *Dead Milkmen* play for farm aid concerts. However, for those of you who care, and I'm assuming if you've read this far you're somewhat interested, I'm going to pick on a rather high-ranking figure in politics by the name of George.

Upon confession George admits not knowing anything which ranks in honesty next to Lincoln's long trip to the library to return extra pennies. Admittedly, Bush goes into his leadership role with a much better knowledge of current events than those in the past. Truman can be such an example. Don't misunderstand me, I'm personally very fond of Truman's record as president, but when he was thrust into office he thought atom as a man who made friends with animals and ran thru the woods naked, and perhaps hydrogen was a disinfectant for wounds. For all Truman knew he was dropping a big naked man on Japan. While I'm on the subject of Japan, it

seems one of the 1st duties of our new president was to honor the months dead Hirohito. Our new president calls him a peacemaker. I have problems with this, but far be it from me to disagree with the intelligence of a man who admits not knowing anything. By all means, replace Wilson's name with Hirohito's in the phrase, "He kept us out of war," or maybe General Lighthouse Harry Lee made a mistake and used Washington's name instead of Hito's when he said, "First in war, first in peace."

Mr. Bush has said that he will call a duck a duck. I think most of us thought he was eluding to taxes, but perhaps he was really referring to a duck. Maybe he should ask his NRA supporters what a tax duck looks like. I suspect Mr. Bush believes a duck is as rare as the Missouri snipe. Are not levies and excise taxes also known as ducks, or perhaps stray pigeons out to bomb innocent American citizens from overhead. Maybe something good will come from all this. Perhaps an extra page will be added to the Audubon Society's book with a picture of the new Bush duck.

As an afterthought there has always been a burning within me in run for political office. However, Hamilton believed that only the rich and intelligent should. But I've always found that the most rich aren't intelligent, and most intelligent aren't rich. However, I agree that these two aspects are important. Maybe a winning combination would be a farmer that made it thru hard times on his own and Sam Walton to back him.

My feelings might be wrong but it's my belief that in the future when we talk of Bush, we will say he was the acknowledgment of many and the choice of few.

Rex DeLaMatter

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Used book sale begins Saturday

Friends of the Joplin Public Library to take donations until tomorrow

BY ANITA NORTON
STAFF WRITER

Area book lovers will have the opportunity to attend the 10th annual used book sale this weekend at the Joplin Public Library.

The sale, sponsored by Friends of the Joplin Public Library, will include all types of books ranging from paperback mystery and romance novels to outdated textbooks.

Also available at the sale this year will be several hundred "hurt" Sunset books donated by Lane Publishing Company. Joan Davenport, president of Friends of the Joplin Public Library, said the books will include current publications of home improvement volumes, cookbooks, and travel books with slight flaws. She said the books normally retail for as much as \$10, but will be offered during the sale starting at \$1.

Davenport said there may be some used sets of encyclopedias for sale.

"A lot of people, when they buy a new set of encyclopedias, they'll give the old

set to the library," she said. "Most of the information in them is still good."

She said encyclopedia sets may range from \$7.50 to \$10, up to \$25 for a newer edition in "real good shape."

Shoppers at the sale will find inspirational, self-help, and health books, and possibly some Bibles as well as *National Geographic*, editions of the *Smithsonian*, and condensed *Reader's Digest* volumes.

Davenport said there are several reasons people buy books at the sale.

"One year, a young man came in and said he needed books for his office," she said. "It didn't matter what the books were. For 50 cents a sack he filled up enough to fill all of his bookshelves."

"He wanted to look real impressive."

According to Davenport, the organization collects books for the sale all year. However, she said not all books donated end up in the sale.

"If somebody gives a book the library actually needs, something that's out of print, the library will keep it and put it on the shelves," she said.

The library also places any donated,

valuable art books in the Post Memorial Art Reference Library.

Proceeds from the sale are mainly earmarked toward the purchase of video and audio tapes for the library. Davenport said Friends of the Joplin Public Library have been instrumental in providing almost 1,000 video and audio tapes to the library, which are available for check-out. She said the video tapes are "old classics that don't compete with the recent releases."

According to Davenport, last year's sale was the most successful yet. She expects the sale this weekend to be as "equally good or better."

A preview sale for current members of the organization will be held from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Joplin Public Library.

The public sale will run from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Persons who want to donate books for the sale may do so until noon tomorrow by leaving the books at the front desk of the library or by calling Davenport at 623-1697.



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK CORLE

Ride time

Area residents enjoyed the summer-like weather by attending the carnival at the Elms Center in Joplin. The Evans United Show is open from 6 p.m. to midnight and will run until April 22.



Grand opening

Goodwill Industries opened its Joplin store earlier this month at 2102 Range Line. The store offers both new and used items for resale and also handles a line of vintage clothes and jewelry.

Goodwill Industries opens Joplin store

BY JOHN FORD
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Offering a wide variety of merchandise to its customers, Goodwill Industries has opened a new store in Joplin.

The non-profit organization, which began operations on April 6 at 2102 Range Line, offers both new and used items for sale.

"The Joplin store has been in the making for about a year," said Judy Alaniz, Joplin Goodwill general manager.

Recently, area residents have received a circular in the mail announcing the store's arrival. According to Alaniz, response to the circular has been great.

"Definitely business has been tremendous, much more than we anticipated," she said.

Clothing items donated to the store are

shipped to the organization's Tulsa store where they are inspected, dry cleaned, and sized. In addition, the store carries donated new items.

"All of our merchandise is of good quality when we put it up for sale in the store, and a lot of the merchandise is name brand," Alaniz said. "The merchandise is rotated regularly and only stays in the store for five weeks."

"We always have new things in the store, and we get trucks in regularly with new merchandise."

One of the features which Alaniz believes sets the store apart from discount stores such as Wal-Mart and K-Mart is the price of the merchandise sold.

"We offer prices people can afford," she said. "For instance, we have men's shirts at \$2.99 and shorts and bathing suits for \$3.99."

Additionally, the store carries a line of

vintage clothes and jewelry.

"We have vintage clothes from the 40s, 50s, and 60s," Alaniz said. "We have sacks of jewelry—grab bags actually—that we sell for 10 cents apiece."

Other than clothing, Goodwill features records and tapes, guitars, gardening supplies, and sporting goods.

"If someone needs a pair of skis, we have them," Alaniz said. "We have bicycles and we have all kinds of books, both paperbacks and hardbacks. I guess you could say we're a mini-library here. We're just like a department store, all in its own."

"If you don't find what you're looking for when you first come in, come back. There is always new stuff coming in."

Hours of operation for the store are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Midcon workers protest unsafe plant conditions

Company begins efforts to hire new employees

BY JOHN FORD
CITY NEWS EDITOR

With the backing of their union, employees of Midcon Cables are once again on strike.

In February, workers staged a four-day walkout without the support of the union of machinists and aerospace workers to protest plant working conditions.

Currently, the grievances include low wages, poor benefits, unsafe working conditions, and little willingness on the part of management to negotiate.

Workers and union officials organized a strike, and Midcon employees have been walking the picket line since April 4.

"We need someone who cares," said Sonya Phillips, a striking worker who helped organize the February walkout. "We're tired of being a bunch of monkeys to the company. We'll be out here as long as it takes, as long as the company refuses to negotiate with us."

"We tried to negotiate with them, to talk about wages and benefits. The union went the extra mile with management, with the negotiations, and still management is unwilling to give, unwilling to negotiate," Phillips said. "They implied that the current contract, which is nine years old, is their last and final offer."

Strikers are currently receiving approximately \$100 weekly for their participation in the protest.

Additionally, employees from various other union shops are collecting canned goods and taking up collections on behalf of the strikers and their families.

Many of the the employees at Midcon are young, single mothers who must support their families.

"We're getting a lot of support from the workers at King Press, Lorier Manufacturing, Fleming Foods, and Smith Vending," Phillips said. "They have been very helpful and are definitely backing us 100 percent."

Support comes in other forms, also. For instance, drivers for United Parcel Service will not cross the strikers' picket line, but instead must have their supervisors drive their trucks across for pickup and delivery of parcels.

Employees stopped the walkout in March after company officials promised to upgrade the ventilation system in the plant. According to one employee, an improvement to the ventilation of the plant's etching room involved the addition of what was deemed a "kitchen-range hood" to act as an exhaust fan for the fumes.

Also on the list of grievances was the "no-fault" absence policy of Midcon Cables. Under this policy, the company has the right to count a worker absent even if he or she leaves work 20 minutes early to take care of an emergency at home.

In one case cited by the striking employees, a woman was afraid of losing her job if she left the plant to check on her son who was injured at school at around 3 p.m. The woman could not immediately leave the plant because her shift did not end until 3:20 p.m.

"That's really sad, because the kid busted his head open and needed stitches," Phillips said. "Now, how does that speak on the policies of management?"

Midcon is currently in the process of hiring other workers to replace the strikers. Additionally, the company hired several security guards to protect those looking for employment from the strikers.

"They hired in the neighborhood of 15 guards at \$5 an hour," said one of the strikers. "Now that seems sort of strange. They won't increase the wages of the workers who don't make near that, but they hire all these guards. Then they have the city police out here daily, morning and evening. That's just wasting the taxpayer's money."

Several attempts were made to contact company officials on this matter, but the officials were unavailable for comment.

Leggett and Platt covers 'broad line' of home furnishing products

BY STEPHEN MOORE
ADVERTISING MANAGER

Having served the community for more than 106 years, Leggett and Platt, located outside of Carthage, has been recognized by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce as the April Industry of the Month.

Founded by J.P. Leggett and C.B. Platt in 1883, the company originally started manufacturing bed springs, a new concept at the time.

According to J. Richard Calhoun, staff vice president for investor relations and assistant treasurer for the corporation, the company has widely expanded its scope and now includes a broad product line covering many areas of home furnishings. The company operates 96 manufacturing locations across 27 states and in Canada.

Calhoun said most of the company's growth has occurred since 1960 when current management assumed control of the corporation's operations. Since that time, the company's sales have grown from \$7 million annually to \$810 million in 1988.

According to Calhoun, much of the company's success can be attributed to its unique nature.

"There really isn't another Leggett and Platt," he said. "No one else has taken the same approach to supplying a broad line of products to the home furnishings industry, both of bedding and furniture."

"That doesn't mean that we don't have competition. We obviously have competition, but our competition typically is either small, privately owned companies that have a limited product line or concentrate in only one part of the country for their business."

Leggett and Platt has 10,600 employees nationwide, including 940 in the Carthage operation. Facilities in the area include the national corporate headquarters, a wire mill, a manufacturing plant for springs, a Flex-O-Lators subsidiary, two research and development centers, and a furniture showroom.

According to Calhoun, growth is something the company is constantly striving for.

"We have continuing growth objectives which, in round numbers, say we want to expand the company at about 15 percent per year, in terms of sales and earnings," he said. "We would foresee substantial additional growth opportunities in the type of business we're involved with."

According to Calhoun, the company's size and strength are items which bring direct benefits to the area.

"I think the fact that we've been in business for over 100 years is beneficial, and we've certainly grown," he said. "And

not only has our growth in southwest Missouri and this local area been significant, but also just the fact that the company has grown nationally."

Leggett and Platt, which entered the *Fortune* magazine *Fortune* 500 listing in

1985, is now listed as the 371st largest manufacturing company in the country.

"There really shouldn't be any major bedding or furnishings company in the country that we aren't selling something to," said Calhoun.



STAFF PHOTO BY MARK ANTELL

Area company

Leggett and Platt, a company that offers a broad line of products to the home furnishings industry, has served the Joplin area more than 106 years. The company employs 940 people.

Sigma Nu emphasizes volunteerism, charity

Rush chairman says fraternities have changed

BY BOBBIE SEVERS
STAFF WRITER

Opportunities for volunteerism and a sense of "brotherhood" are two aspects of the Sigma Nu fraternity. David Sharp, Sigma Nu rush chairman, said the chance to work together on a volunteer project makes the members feel important.

"We recently held an auto cross in which all proceeds went to the local chapter of multiple sclerosis," said Sharp.

"We're all very happy to help the multiple sclerosis charity and the National Race Car Association," said Garret Booth, two-year member of Sigma Nu. "I felt we came together as a group and made it a success."

Each year the fraternity donates funds or volunteers time in order to help some local charity or organization. In the last two years it has donated more than \$5,000 to the Children's Miracle Network, the Heart Association, and other charities.

There are currently 20 active members and six pledges. During spring rush, Sigma Nu gets between five and 10 pledges, and in the fall there are 15 to 20.

"We talk to high school seniors and encourage them to join a fraternity," said Sharp. "Joining a Greek organization is something I'd encourage everyone to do."

Sigma Nu has been on Southern's cam-

pus since 1974. Over the years, there have been approximately 160 initiates. The organization meets once a week on campus.

Current members keep in contact with the alumni of their fraternity and receive support from them. Every spring they hold a formal dance titled "White Rose," in which all alumni, present members, and pledges attend.

"Being in a fraternity is not an obligation, it's a privilege," said Sharp. "Fraternities have changed so much in the last 10 years, but the image is still one from the Animal House days."

The greatest problem Sigma Nu faces is one of "misunderstanding," says Sharp.

"People do not understand what fraternities are all about," he said. "Sigma Nu does not purchase alcohol or throw parties with chapter funds."

Sharp also said the chapter no longer holds open parties and that no one under 21 is allowed to drink on the premises of their parties.

"At our parties, we have key checks and designated drivers," he said.

Bringing in new members and eventually getting a Sigma Nu house are two goals of the organization.

"A fraternity is nice for those people who want to get involved in school life," said Booth. "It's a good way to meet people and make new friends."



SMITH PHOTO BY MARK ANGLER

Line 'em up

School buses from across the four-state area brought more than 900 high school students to Missouri Southern last Wednesday to participate in the annual Business Education Contest.

College announces orientation staff

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Helping first-semester students become comfortable with Missouri Southern is the main objective of the College Orientation program.

"The incoming students feel more comfortable because the classes are taught by junior and senior students of the College," said Lori LeBahn, coordinator of College Orientation. "We feel this method is successful because the new students get a student perspective."

According to LeBahn, student leaders must meet several requirements. They must maintain at least a 3.0 grade-point average and be a junior or senior in academic standing.

"We also look for those students possessing a leadership background," LeBahn said. "They must be able to handle a leadership role."

LeBahn believes the program is successful because the students of the College teach the classes. She said the orientation program is important because it helps first-semester students understand the pressures of college life and become better equipped to handle problems.

"Research has shown that most students tend to decide whether to stay or leave college during the first six weeks of school," she said. "If we can have a positive impact on a student's college career during

the first eight weeks, the students are more likely to stay."

A training session for the orientation leaders is scheduled for Saturday. The session will include classes in leadership-building skills and a dinner. An informational tour of the campus will be conducted on May 11. The last two training sessions will include planning a syllabus, actual role playing, and testimonials by former orientation leaders.

"By the time the students finish the training sessions they are student leaders," LeBahn said.

The students are nominated to become leaders, or they may nominate themselves, she said. After completing an application and an interview, the leaders are selected and then begin the introductory sessions.

"The orientation classes are held the first eight weeks of school," she said. "The student leaders must attend weekly meetings at 7 a.m. on Tuesdays to discuss problems that may arise during the classes."

Twelve students are returning to lead orientation classes this fall: Randy Bowman, Carol Cable, Christopher Clark, Don Hovis, Tiffany Jakse, Jackie Johnson, Gina Miller, Bobbie Severs, Jimmy Sexton, Jerry West, Letitia Winans, and Sam Woods. This group will provide the orientation staff with experience and advice on handling problems in the classroom.

The first-year leaders are Kenneth Barnes, Dan Buettner, Janelle Burns,

Cheryl Chapman, Athena Chester, Lisa Culp, Marca Deltz, Karen Doak, Monica Edle, Jim Elam, Steven Fattig, Jeff Flowers, Lorrie Giltner, Angie Goodson, Julie Gray, Mary Hanevinkel, Lori Hasselbring, Lori Heckmaster, Cindy Henry, Julie Hilburn, Chrissy Holt, Christy Howell, Katy Hurn, Tiffany Jakse, Brian King, Everett Lamb, Vicki Lorton, Melody Marlatt, Steve Moore, Candy Novak, Joe Pease, Rita Pease, Todd Rhodes, Punky Rose, Debbie Rowe, Erik Shrader, Monica Sekscinski, Lori Sligar, Shawn Snyder, Vince Sprenkle, David Stockton, David Swenson, Karen Taylor, Todd Webber, and Mary Zusiak.

"I am looking forward to working with all the student leaders," said LeBahn. "They are an excellent group, sharp, enthusiastic, and fun to work with."

First-time student leaders are eligible for two hours of college credit while returning leaders will receive one credit hour. LeBahn thinks the opportunity to earn college credit is one of the main reasons for student interest in becoming leaders.

LeBahn said an appreciation banquet will be held at the end of the eight weeks to thank the students for participating.

"I feel next fall's freshmen will have an advantage because we have such a good group of leaders," she said. "And the leaders will also benefit a great deal from this experience."

Paulson captures third place

Mathematics major presents paper at convention

BY ROBERT J. SMITH
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Presenting a paper titled "Underwater Mathematical Modeling," Susan Paulson captured third place at the National Kappa Mu Epsilon Convention April 6-8 in Topeka, Kan.

"I wrote the paper and submitted it in order to have a chance to make any presentation," said Paulson, a senior mathematics major. "I made the presentation to a group of professors and students who were attending the convention."

Paulson said work on the project began four months ago. The purpose of her paper was to show how to deal with real-world problems. In her case, the problem calculates how much nitrogen a scuba diver can withstand at a given time.

"This project gave me a chance to combine my interests in mathematics and biology," Paulson said. "It brings the two

together."

As part of her third-place finish at the convention, Paulson received \$30 and a Hewlett-Packard calculator. Her paper will be published in *The Pentagon*, an international mathematics journal.

"It feels really great to have done as well," Paulson said. "I was really nervous about the whole thing, but I was glad to have finished so high."

In other business, Kappa Mu Epsilon elected Mary Elick, assistant professor of mathematics, to a four-year term as national historian. Elick will be responsible for gathering information about all the national chapters. She will keep a historical record of the organization and compile information about chapter activities.

Senior John Day, a mathematics and physics major, made a presentation called "Fun with Planes." Day's paper was about aerodynamic problems dealing with student training maneuvers.

Upcoming Events

Today	Koinonia 11 a.m. basement of dormitory building B	LDSSA noon Room 311 BSC	Phi Eta Sigma 3 p.m. Room 306 BSC	CAB Dance 8 p.m. Lions' Den
Tomorrow	Foreign Language Field Day	Student Teacher Seminar 9:30 a.m. Room 113 Taylor Hall	Softball Southeast Missouri Classic TBA Cape Girardeau	Deadline for Student Senate Election Petitions 4:30 p.m. Student Senate Office
Weekend	Student Senate Rummage Sale All Day Saturday Lions' Den	Baseball vs. School of the Ozarks 1:30 p.m. Saturday Point Lookout	'Rock Til You Drop' 11:30 a.m. Saturday Baptist Student Union	Tennis vs. Central Missouri 10 a.m. Sunday Here
Monday	Spring Fling 'Marooned' Begins		Gilligan's Island Look-a-Like Contest 11:30 a.m. Lions' Den	CAB Movie 'Fast Times at Ridgemont High' 7 & 9:30 p.m. Barn Theatre
Tuesday	Amnesty International noon Room 313 BSC	Phi Beta Lambda 12:20 p.m. Room 102 Matthews Hall	Faculty Organization By-Laws Meeting 3 p.m. Matthews Auditorium	
Wednesday	Teacher Placement Day 9 a.m. Third Floor BSC	Creative Face Painting Contest 11 a.m. Lions' Den	Baseball vs. Southwest Missouri State University 3 p.m. Springfield	Student Senate 5:30 p.m. Room 310 BSC

PBL returns with six awards

Iona Ellis earns 'Ms. Future Business Executive' title

Students of business and computer science had a chance to test their skills as members of Phi Beta Lambda competed in the state leadership conference in Jefferson City.

According to Beverly Culwell, one of the club's faculty advisers, the annual competition, held April 7-8, was attended by colleges and universities throughout Missouri.

Competing in various areas of business and computer science, Phi Beta Lambda returned home with six awards, including two first-place awards, three second-place awards, and one third-place award. According to Culwell, this is the best showing in the club's history.

Everett Lamb, club vice president, was awarded first place in the area of finance. Lisa Hartman, parliamentarian for the organization, received the second-place award in that area. In addition, Hartman was given second-place honors in the field of business law. Jerry West received a second-place award for impromptu speaking, while Lisa Fowler received a third-place honor in the area of marketing.

Also attending the conference were Culwell, Karen Bradshaw, and Lynne Rusley, the organization's faculty advisers. Other students competing at the con-

ference included Iona Ellis, Dolores Motley, Shira Lawson, Paula Sprenger, Gordon Scott, Robert McKnight, Tammy Wallace, Bill Williams, Jacquelin Smith, Sean Kilcoyne, and Tisha Grave.

Ellis, president of Phi Beta Lambda, received a first-place honor and was named Ms. Future Business Executive. Competition for this award included a written, comprehensive test as well as a personal interview.

Ellis, who said winning the award came as a "total surprise," has hopes of winning the award again as first- and second-place winners on the state level move to national competition in Orlando, Fla., July 9-12.

"I will be representing the state of Missouri as well as the College and myself," she said, "so it's very important to me."

"For me, the testing is the hardest," said Ellis, "because it's such a comprehensive test. But I interview very well, so if I get into the finals I should have a good shot at it."

According to Culwell, during the four years of her involvement with the organization at Southern, national awards were taken three years.



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Film will be last program in festival

The final program in the Missouri Southern Film Society's 1988-89 series will show at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center.

Fate of a Man, awarded the grand prize at the 1960 Moscow Film Festival, centers on a Russian soldier, Andrei, who endures the scourges of World War II. After being imprisoned by the Germans, he returns home to discover his family has been killed in an air raid and his son has been killed at the front. Having lost all dreams of peace and love, he then wanders about the countryside.

Later, while working as a driver, he encounters an orphaned boy waiting for his father to return from the war. Andrei tells the boy he is his father, and the two try to start over again.

Based on an original story by Mikhail Sholokov, *Fate of a Man* is noted for its camera movements, contrast montage sequences, and its changes of tone.

The journal *Films and Filming* described *Fate of a Man* as "a real work of art, and the emotional response to it is ennobling...The ideas it expresses are those that evoke a response in every nation—love of people; belief in their strength, their minds, and hearts; hatred of war; and an impassioned appeal to preserve peace."

Single admission at the door is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students.



Blah! Lisa West portrays Lucy in the Missouri Southern Theatre production "Snoopy, The Musical!" as she sticks out her tongue during a rehearsal for the play, which will be open to the public April 21-23.

Theatre puts on musical 'Snoopy' production will run April 21-23 for public

BY KATY HURN
ARTS EDITOR

With intentions of delighting audiences of all ages, Duane Hunt, assistant professor of theatre, chose *Snoopy, The Musical!* as the spring production for the theatre department.

The musical is based on the *Peanuts* comic strip by Charles M. Schultz. The sequel to *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, *Snoopy* was a Broadway hit show several seasons ago. It is being presented by the Show-Me Celebration Company and Southern Theatre.

Hunt, who is directing the production, said *Snoopy* is in lieu of the children's play normally presented in the spring.

"We wanted to combine something for a family audience," he said, "something adults will like as well as children."

"I think this musical will appeal to more people of all ages."

Hunt described the structure of the production as a musical strip sequence including song and dance.

"It's put together just about like the cartoon strip is," he said. "It leads up to a punch line, or a funny and significant moment."

Rehearsals for the musical began in early February. In preparation of each rehearsal, the cast partakes in physical workouts. Hunt is pleased with the work members have done so far.

"It's a real ensemble," he said. "I don't think I could have put together a happier and more compatible group of people."

According to Hunt, recreating *Peanuts* characters on stage has not been difficult considering their popularity.

"We all know these characters," he said. "It's not been terribly difficult to bring these characters alive on stage."

Hunt decided to present *Snoopy* be-

cause he believed reproducing the cartoon in a straight comedy would be boring.

"The real fun of doing this show is to bring the Shultz kind of humor and the *Peanuts* characters to life on stage in a musical-comedy setting," he said.

According to Hunt, although it made the production more of a challenge, the singing and dancing "livened it up and kept us interested all along."

The singing and dancing also has been the primary focus for the cast.

"They're magnificently talented people," said Hunt. "I've got seven stupendous actors and actresses that can sing and dance up a storm out there besides act."

Karla McGough plays the role of Snoopy in the play. Other cast members are Vicki Allen, Woodstock; Todd Yearnton, Charlie Brown; and David Swensen, Linus.

Sally Brown will be played by Cindy Henry, Peppermint Patty by Julie Foster, and Lucy Van Pelt by Lisa West.

Production stage manager for the musical is Don Hovis, and the assistant stage manager is Dawn Ehrenberg.

Diane Denny designed the choreography, and Cici Fritz directs the music.

Prior to the public performances, grade-school children will be brought in to see the performance. Public performances begin April 21 and continue through April 23 in Taylor Auditorium.

Several hundred reserved tickets are available for the show. Ticket information and reservations may be obtained by calling 417-625-9393 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Some general admission tickets will be available at the door.

Tickets for all three public performances are \$4 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and high school students. Southern students will be charged \$1.

Clancy's favorite novel is 'Patriot Games'

Book's realism shows the emotional side of the author

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
CAMPUS EDITOR

[Editor's Note: This is the third of a four-part, monthly series of reviews featuring the writings of Tom Clancy.]

"What if there were a terrorist attack in downtown London?" is how Tom Clancy began the process of writing his third novel, *Patriot Games*.

"Whenever I begin a book, I like to think of 'what ifs,'" Clancy told *The Chart*. "After I think of what would happen, I take it from there."

Clancy said the actual writing time per novel is "around four months," except for research.

Patriot Games is a different type of novel than his other works because it deals with family life. It does not jump from place to place as in *The Hunt for Red October* and *Red Storm Rising*. Jack Ryan, a prominent character in *Red October*, goes to London on vacation where he interrupts a terrorist attack. What happens afterward keeps the reader hanging by a thread as the terrorists follow Ryan and his family back to the United States in

hopes of disposing of the Ryans.

Patriot Games is my favorite book because it is my best writing and it has better characterization," he said. "It also took a lot more research than my other novels because the story line was something I didn't know much about."

In researching *Patriot Games*, Clancy spent two weeks in London to get "the feel of the city and the attitude of the people."

Clancy "played around with the idea" about 10 years ago, but finally decided to write the story just recently. At the time *Patriot Games* was published, terrorist activity was not uncommon, which made Clancy's novel all the more interesting.

As in his two previous novels, Clancy once again captures the reader's attention and the book becomes a bestseller.

"I never thought I'd be successful," he said. "Writing has always been my dream, and it's just luck that I've been successful."

Clancy said he wrote "a little bit" in high school, but he really wanted to write books "because that's where the money is."

"It is a matter of public record that I got a \$4 million advance on the book I'm working on now," he said. "My grades [at Loyola College] weren't that nice, but the education I received has paid off because

I'm a millionaire now."

Patriot Games shows the emotional side of Clancy. Where his other books ventured into war and fighting, here Clancy takes a look at the Ryan family life and is able to detail it very realistically. What would it be like to wake up each morning knowing a terrorist group is somewhere in the United States, planning to kill you and your family, and you are hopeless in defending yourself? Clancy answers these feelings and more by probing Ryan's thoughts and feelings and turning him into a terrorist killing machine, not just a "punk history teacher."

"Jack Ryan will be around for a few more books," said Clancy. "It will be interesting to see what happens to him next."

Clancy, a former insurance agent with his own company, currently is living on an 80-acre farm in southern Maryland and is finishing his fifth novel, yet untitled.

Clancy said he spends his time writing and recovering from writing by "lying down and watching TV."

The Cardinal of the Kremlin, which Clancy mentioned in his first novel, is his fourth piece of work and will be reviewed April 27 in this space.

Doss participates in tourney

Proud to represent Missouri Southern, debater Kevin Doss recently participated in the American Forensics Association National Tournament at North Dakota State University-Fargo.

The tournament, which was restricted to individual events, was held April 7-10.

According to David Delaney, debate coach, this is the second year debaters have competed in individual events and the first year Southern has belonged to AFA.

Doss competed in three preliminary rounds of poetry interpretation, receiving one straight ballot and several split ballots. He chose to interpret Carl Sandburg's harvest poems.

In preparation for the competition, Doss practiced his performance and had several communications teachers critique it. He also videotaped it on MSTV for a self-analysis.

Though he did not make it to the finals, he was pleased with his performance, considering the competition.

"I feel very proud of my performance," said Doss. "I did the best of my ability."

"We were all on an equal level. It was just a matter of who was the best."

Attending the tournament were students from schools across the nation. All schools within the University of California system were present, in addition to schools from nine other states. The United States Military Academy and Air Force Academy also participated.

"This has been the ultimate challenge in forensics that I have faced so far," said Doss. "I felt proud to represent Missouri Southern at this tournament more than any other I've been in."

Because Southern just recently started building its individual events program, Doss said his main objective in competing in the AFA tourney was to gain experience.

"We're trying to become good and consistent in both debate and individual events," he said. "I really gained a lot of experience."

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\$150 in order to co-host a seminar at the College.

Debate was raised by the finance committee concerning a \$30 allocation for refreshments. Traditionally, meals and other food-related expenditures are not covered by allocations made by the Senate. For consistency, the committee recommended that the group receive \$120 to cover the cost of registration.

The Senate agreed with the committee's findings and decided to allocate the recommended amount.

Other items also were discussed at the meeting, such as the addition of a copying machine in one of the campus buildings. A copier is already in place in Mat-

thews Hall.

"To put a copier in another building, you will need the blessing of the building's dean before we can put do it," said Doug Carnahan, adviser to the Senate.

On Saturday, the Senate will host a rummage sale in the Lions' Den, located in the basement of the BSC. Currently, the Senate is accepting donations of clothing and miscellaneous items to be sold. Proceeds derived from the sale will benefit the United Way.

"We really need more stuff," said Stokes. "We'd prefer to have items before Saturday because we plan to spend Friday night pricing items."

Coming Attractions

Joplin	Kim Hill April 21 Ozark Christian College Call 417-624-2518	'Snoopy! The Musical' April 21-23 Taylor Auditorium	Bad Company & Vixen April 25 Memorial Hall Call 417-623-3254	Petra w/ Josh McDowell May 13 Memorial Hall
Springfield	Thomas Hart Benton display Today thru May 28 Spfld. Museum of Art Call 417-866-2716	'View from the Mountain' by W. McNamara Saturday thru May 28 Spfld. Museum of Art	Fred Shane May 7 thru June 4 Spfld. Museum of Art	'Watercolor USA' June 11-August 13 Spfld. Museum of Art
Tulsa	'Something Afoot' Today thru Sunday Tulsa Performing Arts Center Call 918-749-6666	The Judds, Highway 101, & Restless Heart Saturday Mabee Center Call 918-495-6000	Sandi Patti May 15 Tulsa Convention Center Call 918-592-7177	
Kansas City	Bon Jovi Today Kemper Arena Call 816-756-3371	Hank Williams, Jr. Sunday Kemper Arena	Spring Jam '89 April 20 Kemper Arena	Night Noise April 20 Liberty Hall Lawrence, Kan. Call 913-749-1912
	Guy Clark April 21 Liberty Hall	David Copperfield April 21 Midland Theatre Call 816-421-7500	Good Time Radio Review April 29 Liberty Hall	Tour of World Figure Skating Champions June 18 Kemper Arena

AVALON

Avalon, the College's monthly art and literary magazine, is not dead, as has been presumed by many. There will be an April issue of *Avalon*, and the magazine will survive indefinitely.

So, **submit your work**—submit your short stories, poems, essays, photos, and pieces of art-work. Also, we'll accept book reviews of current fiction and non-fiction works; but keep the reviews under 750 words. The submission deadline for this issue of *Avalon* is 5 p.m., Thursday, April 20. Submit works to *The Chart* office, Room 117 of Hearn Hall.

Golf team takes sixth

BY ROBERT J. SMITH
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After winning the Missouri Inter-collegiate Tournament two years in a row, Bill Cox says he can't understand the golf team's sixth-place finish earlier this week at Tan-Tar-a in Osage Beach.

"I'm very much disappointed," said Cox, Southern golf coach. "There was no team that played very well, but we still played just horrible."

According to Cox, there was "no excuse" for the letdown.

"It was a rough course with holes all over the place, but that's no excuse," he said. "We had to play the ball down, but all the other teams had the same disadvantages we did."

Cox said Southern's 703 team score had little to do with the players' golf swing.

"There's nothing wrong with the boys' swings," Cox said. "We're just not going into tournaments mentally prepared to play."

Cox has called a team meeting for this afternoon to address the team's mental approach to the game.

"We're going to have a team meeting to find out why they are in these doldrums," he said. "We are going to have to have some input from the players."

Southern's next tournament is April 20-21 at the Missouri Western Invitational in St. Joseph. Cox said the team will play a practice round in St. Joseph Wednesday before the two-course tournament begins next Thursday.

The weekend tournament provided Southern players with their lowest score of the season. Kyle Catron led the way with a two-day score of 171. Jason Lane shot a 176, while sophomore Chad Huffman totaled 177 strokes. Pete Fitzgerald and Kevin Southwick scored 179 and 196, respectively.

Lady Lions face CMSU

Looking for its second win of the season, the women's tennis team faces Central Missouri State at 10 a.m. Sunday on the Southern courts.

The Lady Lions' only victory of the season was against CMSU when Southern beat the Jennies 8-1 at the Missouri Western State College Classic on April 1.

Last weekend Southern fell to 1-5 as Drury College beat the Lady Lions 6-3. Freshman Diane Hoch had a hand in two of Southern's three wins as she beat her opponent in singles and teamed with freshman Missy Fisher for a doubles win.

Freshman Adriana Rodriguez, Southern's top singles player, had her personal record fall to 4-2 as she lost to Gretchen Prather 3-6, 2-6. Rodriguez and freshman Melissa Woods teamed to beat Drury's team of Kathleen Swift and Prather 6-2, 6-3 for Southern's other win.



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK CORRELL

Rugby game Missouri Southern's rugby team lost 12-0 Saturday to Whiteman Air Force Base near Sedalia.

Southern plays William Jewell today

Head coach attributes team's recent success to camaraderie, relief pitching

After winning 19 games in a row, the Missouri Southern baseball Lions are eyeing a position in the NAIA World Series, May 26 through June 2.

"Everybody on the team has been playing really well," said Warren Turner, head coach. "The team is relaxed and having fun. We have been playing good baseball. I tell the team not to take anything for granted and to go out there and play each game like it's the last one of the season."

On Tuesday, the Lions went on the road to roll past Lincoln University 14-3 and 7-2. In his first game since an injury last fall, senior Randy Zientara was glad to be back in action.

"It felt different being at the plate again," he said. "My swing is just about where it should be. I think I came back sooner than anyone thought I would."

According to Turner, the team's attitude

has been a major factor in a number of victories. He said after a successful trip to Texas over spring break, the team realized "how good it could be."

"The guys have a good attitude and have been playing on an even keel," Turner said. "Quite a few of the games in the Pan Am Tournament were real close. I think it boosted the team's confidence to give the Division I schools a tough game."

The Lions, 27-14 overall, hit the road for a 2 p.m. game today against William Jewell College. Turner expects the Lions to do well against the Cardinals.

"William Jewell is a good district team," he said. "They have always been one of the top four teams in the district. We will do the best we can."

Turner cited good relief pitching and "playing like a team" as two key factors in the team's success.

Last week, catcher Jim Baranowski received the Humphrey Award. Established by E.O. and Virginia Humphrey, the award honors the College's outstanding senior student-athlete. Baranowski, a three-year letterman, has compiled a .296 batting average this season. He leads the Lions with 11 home runs.

Baranowski said he is happy to be named the outstanding senior student-athlete, but he is not taking the glory alone.

"I am happy to have won the award, but I am happier that a member of the baseball team received the award," he said. "I could not have played as well as I have this season if I did not have the support of the team. The guys have been playing super this year."

Turner attributes the team's success to the camaraderie that has developed between the players.

Intramural team beats Northern Colorado

Trio of Kirksey, Hurd, Taylor wins three-on-three match-up 28-23 in Denver

After jumping out to an 18-14 lead at the half, Missouri Southern's three-on-three basketball team beat the University of Northern Colorado 28-23 to win an intramural championship.

"Donley [Hurd] and Sam [Taylor] played real well," said senior guard David Kirksey. "They hit the boards, played great defense, and went after loose balls hard."

Kirksey said the game, played at half-time of the Denver Nuggets-Utah Jazz game Saturday in Denver, was different than preliminary games Southern played on campus and at a regional tournament

in Kansas City.

"In Kansas City, the pace was a lot faster," Kirksey said. "The scoring was much higher in Kansas City."

According to Kirksey, Southern's trip to Denver was complicated by Schick, the tournament sponsor.

"We almost didn't go because of money problems," he said. "As I understood it early in this whole venture, we were supposed to get \$200 for travel expenses and \$25 each per day for food and expenses."

As it turned out, we got the \$200, but they only gave us \$25 per player for the entire trip."

Kirksey said the trio had expected Schick to cover hotel expenses, but was not reimbursed by the sponsor.

"They also put us in almost the worst seats in the house for the game," he said. "It was kind of funny. We made jokes about being in the Bob Uecker seats. Really, we expected better seats for the game."

While there is no official national title for the Southern trio, Kirksey said he claims the title of "the No. 1 three-on-three team between Mississippi and the Rockies."

Lady Lions look for consistency

After dropping a softball double-header at Central Missouri State yesterday, Missouri Southern will begin preparations for a weekend tournament in Cape Girardeau.

The Lady Jennies, undefeated in the MIAA, beat Southern 4-1 in the opener and 2-1 in the second game. CMSU, 23-4 and ranked eighth in the latest NCAA Division II poll, won the nightcap on a one-out, two-run homer in the seventh.

Southern left today for the Southeast Missouri State University Riverboat Tournament. Southern faces Northwest Missouri State at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow and the University of Missouri-St. Louis at 5:30.

On Saturday, the Lady Lions will play the University of Southern Illinois-Edwardsville at 10 a.m. and Southeast Missouri State University at 1:30 p.m.

"It (the tournament) is really going to give us a chance to look at the new conference," said Pat Lipira, head coach. "That's the main reason we're in this tournament."

Complicating matters for Southern this weekend will be the team's inconsistent play. Lipira said she was pleased with the team's play during an eight-game winning streak that was snapped Monday by Northeastern (Okla.) State University. She said the team has struggled since then.

"We don't play well at home," Lipira said. "The only game we have played well at home wasn't actually at our home, but it was at Four Seasons on a Friday night."

Southern, 19-11, will play without injured outfielder Jennifer Burken, batting .400.

My Opinion



It's hard to get in great shape

I really hate the doldrums of winter. Nothing pleases me more than the budding of the trees, the return of the birds, and seeing the girls on campus wearing shorts again.

Summer is a time to go water skiing at Table Rock Lake, canoeing on Elk River in McDonald County, or to the nearest pool to kick back with friends and a cold drink.

However, with the joys that spring foretells come the many burdens that I must associate with summer.

I must get psyched up for my yearly three-month parole from the rigors of school. For anyone who knows me, there are some problems associated with summer.

I am a blond-haired, blue-eyed, fair-skinned male whose skin reacts with a vengeful burning when exposed to moderate doses of solar rays.

With these factors working against me, my pre-summer strategy includes several weeks of paying to lie in tanning beds. All this measure ensures is that the first time I get brave enough to wear shorts in public, people are not permanently blinded by the glare.

Further complicating my pre-summer preparations is the appearance of my beleaguered body when I first put on my shorts and take off my shirt.

The last two years have left my body in a bad way. After a bout with the big "C" and the ensuing encounters with the sadistic doctors, my once athletic body now resembles a puny, carved-up mass of flesh.

So this spring my roommate and I made the supreme sacrifice for the summertime body. We cut our appropriated money for food out of our monthly budget to scrape together enough money to join Olympic Fitness Center.

We are now card-carrying members of Olympic. We are there all the time because we can't afford to do anything else.

There is no easy way to get into summertime shape. On our first visit to the center, I was in awe of the size and shape of the lifters' physiques. These people looked like they stepped off the cover of *Muscle and Fitness*. Next to them I looked like the poster child for the National Association for the Advancement of Wimps.

Everywhere I looked were mirrors showing me that I am puny. These images spur me to lift harder than ever to escape smallness.

After the first couple of workouts at Olympic, every muscle fiber in my body revolted. I had to have help lifting my arms onto the table for dinner, and I walked like I just rode the bull at Gilley's.

During my first two weeks of torture in the Olympic weight chamber, all I noticed were the aches and pains that had left my body a mass of sprains, knots, and contusions.

After a month of lifting, I have noticed that the everyday activities of life are much less strenuous.

Because of my improved self-image associated with regaining some lost muscle mass, I will undoubtedly strut my pale-skinned body, unprotected, into the sun and take on the appearance of a human lobster.

Lastly, my most pressing problem has developed as a result of my efforts to prepare my body for summertime exposure.

Financial fatigue has set in. I have spent hundreds of dollars for tanning sessions, a health club membership, health supplies, and a new summer wardrobe, leaving me just enough money to purchase a case of shade-30 sunscreen and a year's supply of Deep Heating Rub.

There will be no time for water skiing, canoeing, or loitering around a pool with a cold drink.

My summertime plans now present the bleak outlook of working two jobs to pay my newly acquired bills and tending to my plants.

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It's a hit Freshman infielder Kim Pellow strokes a single against Northeastern (Okla.) State University.